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(Vice-Chairman)

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In the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Emerson (Portugal), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 136: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.38)

Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.38

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft decision A/C.5/48/L.38, which had been submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

2. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.38 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 149: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.39)

Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.39

3. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft decision A/C.5/48/L.39, which had been submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

4. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.39 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 137: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA II (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.40)

Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.40

5. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft decision A/C.5/48/L.40, which had been submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

6. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.40 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 134: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.41)

Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.41

7. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft decision A/C.5/48/L.41, which had been submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

8. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.41 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 132: FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991) (continued)

(a) UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION (continued) (A/C.5/48/L.42)

Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.42

9. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft decision A/C.5/48/L.42, which had been submitted by the Vice-Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

10. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.42 was adopted.

11. Mr. MERIFIELD (Canada), supported by Ms. SAEKI (Japan) and Mr. FRANCIS (Australia), said it was regrettable that the Committee had not authorized assessments which would give the Secretariat the money it needed to carry out the mandates of the Security Council. It was important for the Committee to act responsibly.

12. Mr. SPAANS (Netherlands) noted that the Committee could have taken more far-reaching decisions had the relevant documentation been available. Paragraph (d) of each resolution, referring to levels of arrears, was of particular importance since the fact that some $570 million was owed in respect of the five peace-keeping operations had contributed to the current financial problems.

13. Mr. MADDENS (Belgium) said that the Committee had acted responsibly in re-establishing the legal basis for all expenditures on the five peace-keeping operations in question while recognizing the rights and duties of Member States.

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14. After a procedural discussion, the CHAIRMAN said that the Bureau would decide on the date of the Committee's next formal meeting on peace-keeping operations.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.